GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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QUOTA FOR RAIL RESERVATION FOR PERSONS RECOMMENDED BY MPS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for reservation to VIPs;

(b) whether there is any quota for rail reservation for persons recommended by Members of Parliament;

(c) if so, the reasons for reservation not being given to persons recommended by Members of Parliament;

(d) whether any information with regard to reservation being given/not being given to the person recommended is given to the Members of Parliament concerned; and

(e) if not, whether Government will inform the Members about the reservations of railway seats/berths recommended by them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e) In order to meet the urgent travel requirements of High Official Requisition holders, MPs/MLAs,VIPsand other emergent demands, a limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked as Emergency Quota in all important trains in different classes. Preference in this quota is given for self travel of high dignitaries. Thereafter, other requests received from various quarters are considered and the unutilized quota is released taking into account the factors like status of passengers travelling, nature of urgency like travelling on Government duty, bereavement in the family, sickness, etc. While the requests forwarded by MPsare generally complied with, but at times, it is not feasible to accommodate all such requests when the demand exceeds the availability. In view of the number of requests being received and the practical difficulties, it is not feasible to inform the Members of Parliament about the status of the requests recommended by them.